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Navajo Nation Department of Emergency Management announces task force to prepare for the coming winter weather

Window Rock, AZ – The Navajo Nation Department of Emergency Management announces a task force composed of personnel from the Division of Public Safety to include the Navajo Nation Police Department, Fire Department, Emergency Medical Service, and Department of Corrections. This task force was created with the anticipation of the imminent winter storms projected to impact the Navajo Nation within the coming months.

This task force will be responsible to assist Navajo Nation communities in preparing for winter weather including risk assessments, mitigation, public awareness and education, resource acquisition, emergency preparedness, emergency response, recovery, and collect pertinent data related to winter storm operations. The task force will collaborate with the public, chapters, safety officials, and other agencies including federal, state, and county agencies, to improve response to the winter storms and expedite any recovery efforts.

"Composed of a diverse cohort of professionals representing various branches of public safety, our team possesses a multifaceted expertise in safeguarding life and property." emphasized Police Commander Rory Atcitty, concurrently serving as the Appointed Delegated Director of Emergency Management. *"We harbor the intention to leverage this synergy in formulating a novel approach to prepare the Navajo Nation for the impending winter storms."* stated Commander Atcitty.

During the 2023 fair events, the Division of Public Safety used the slogans *"Better, Together"* and *"Together for a safer and healthier Navajo Nation."* These slogans were used to show collaboration among the various public safety departments when it came to keeping the public safe. The task force will share ideas, insights, and plans with each other to continue serving the Navajo Nation effectively and efficiently.

In addition, this task force will assess the Department of Emergency Management's current structure, make changes and improvements that will allow it to better serve the Navajo Nation, its residents, and visitors.

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